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Aardvark

The one animal she wanted to see on safari was the *aardvark*.
A nocturnal mammal, *Orycteropus afer*, the sole member of its family (*Orycteropodidae*) and order (*Tubulidentata*). It inhabits the grasslands of Africa, has long ears and snout, and feeds on termites. Also called: ant bear.

Abodement

The climber felt a sense of *abodement* prior to climbing Everest.

Abstinence

A sign that something good or bad is about to happen.
In order to protect their teeth, the children decided to pursue total *abstinence* from sugary drinks.

The act or practice of refraining from some action or from the use of something, esp alcohol.

Accordion

Inside the box was an old *accordion*.

A portable box-shaped instrument of the reed organ family, consisting of metallic reeds that are made to vibrate by air from a set of bellows controlled by the player's hands.

They wrap these freshly caught snacks in another silk, called *silk*.
Shaped like a bunch of grapes.

Acronym

The repeated use of the business acronym confused many listeners.

Acrophobe

A pronounceable name made up of a series of initial letters or parts of words.

He was an *acrophobe*, so he wouldn't go up to the top of the skyscraper.

A person who is abnormally afraid of heights.

Adjective

An *adjective phrase* is a group of words that describe a noun or pronoun in a sentence.

A word *imputing* a characteristic to a noun or pronoun.

Amenance

Her *amenance* made it clear she was not in a good mood.

A person's bearing or demeanour.

Ampulla

The *ampulla* was put on display in the Roman museum.

A Roman two-handed bottle for oil, wine or perfume. Christianity - A vessel for containing the wine and water used at the Eucharist.

Anonymous

Rory was intrigued when he received an *anonymous* letter.

From or by a person, author etc, whose name is unknown or withheld.

Antiseptic

Mum applied *antiseptic* to his cut.

Of, relating to, or effecting *antiseptis*. An *antiseptic agent* or substance.

Argonaut

Jason along with each and every *argonaut* set sail in the quest for the Golden Fleece.

Greek myth: One of the heroes who sailed with Jason in quest of the Golden Fleece.

Articulate

A lawyer must be able to *articulate* his arguments.

Able to express oneself fluently and coherently.

Banjax

He made a complete *banjax* of putting the train set together.

To ruin or destroy, often as a result of incompetence.

Bassoon

A *bassoon* is a great example of a woodwind instrument in an orchestra.

A woodwind instrument, the tenor of the oboe family. Range: about three and a half octaves upwards from the B flat below the bass staff.

Beverage

As the day was so warm, they ordered a *beverage* to help quench their thirst.

Any drink, usually other than water.

Boisterous

The class were in *boisterous* form and difficult to control.

Noisy and lively; unrestrained or unruly.

Boutique

Karen bought her dress in a designer *boutique*.

A shop, esp a small one selling fashionable clothes and other items.

Brachiosaurus

The children saw a skeleton of a *brachiosaurus* in the natural history museum.

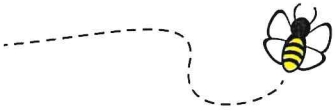
A dinosaur of the genus *Brachiosaurus*, up to 30 metres long: the largest land animal ever known.

Campaign

The politician launched his *campaign* for re-election.

A series of coordinated activities, such as public speaking and demonstrating, designed to achieve a social, political, or commercial goal.





Cardiomyopathy	<i>The patient was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy. A disease of the heart muscle usually caused by a biochemical defect or a toxin such as alcohol.</i>
Caterwaul	<i>I heard a caterwaul outside my house last night. A shriek; a high pitched wail or screech.</i>
Clandestine	<i>The spies were careful to keep the clandestine meeting a secret. Secret and concealed, often for illicit reasons; furtive.</i>
Constitution	<i>Every person has rights granted to them by the Constitution. The act of constituting or state of being constituted.</i>
Dactylology	<i>When you learn sign language, you have to first memorize the dactylology. The method of using manual sign language, as in communicating with deaf people.</i>
Diamantiferous	<i>At each of these spots the diamantiferous area was a roughly circular patch of considerable size. (usually of geographical regions) producing or bearing diamonds.</i>
Disepalous	<i>All the flowers were disepalous. (of flowers or plants) Having two sepals.</i>
Effleurage	<i>Effleurage can help remove toxins from the body. Noun. A light stroking technique used in massage 2. verb to massage using this movement.</i>
Eligible	<i>The team had the right number of players to be eligible to take part in the tournament. Fit, worthy, or qualified, as for an office or function.</i>
Energumen	<i>He was acting so strangely that they thought he was an energumen. "A person thought to be possessed by an evil spirit A fanatic or zealot"</i>
Entelechy	<i>They had not yet realised the entelechy of the situation. 1. (In the philosophy of Aristotle) Actuality as opposed to potentiality. 2. (In the system of Leibnitz) The soul or principle of perfection of an object or person; a monad or basic constituent. 3. Something that contains or realizes a final cause, esp the vital force thought to direct the life of an organism."</i>
Episematic	<i>The animal's colourings are episematic. (Zoology) (esp of coloration) Aiding recognition between animals of the same species.</i>
Equipollent	<i>Two directed line segments are equipollent when they have the same length and direction. Equal or equivalent in significance, power, or effect.</i>
Fiasco	<i>The match ended in a complete fiasco after a couple of players were sent off. A complete failure, espone that is ignominious or humiliating.</i>
Flabbergast	<i>She knew her decision to attempt to climb Mount Everest would flabbergast her family. To overcome with astonishment; amaze utterly; astound.</i>
Flammiferous	<i>The circus performer managed to put on a flammiferous display. Flame-producing.</i>
Galileo	<i>Italian scientist and scholar Galileo made pioneering observations that laid the foundation for modern physics and astronomy. Full name Galileo Galilei. 1564-1642, Italian mathematician, astronomer, and physicist. He discovered the isochronism of the pendulum and demonstrated that falling bodies of different weights descend at the same rate.</i>
Gastronomy	<i>This was the first age of gastronomy - when for the first time a chef became a celebrity. The art of good eating. The type of cookery of a particular region.</i>

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Guanxi	<i>The Chinese concept of guanxi may be familiar to the Irish. A Chinese social concept based on the exchange of favours, in which personal relationships are considered more important than laws and written agreements</i>
Gypsophila	<i>The gypsophila plant had lovely white flowers. Any caryophyllaceous plant of the mainly Eurasian genus Gypsophila, such as baby's-breath, having small white or pink flowers.</i>
Humiliate	<i>It was obvious to everyone that Bob was trying his best to humiliate Dave. To lower or hurt the dignity or pride of.</i>
Hyacinth	<i>He planted a hyacinth in his garden to add a splash of colour. Any liliaceous plant of the Mediterranean genus Hyacinthus, esp any cultivated variety of H. orientalis, having a thick flower stalk bearing white, blue, or pink fragrant flowers.</i>
Ichthyology	<i>You can read about the newly discovered snake-eel in "The International Journal of Ichthyology". The study of the physiology, history, economic importance, etc, of fishes.</i>
Impecunious	<i>The impecunious performer sang at the street corner for money. Adj. without money; penniless</i>
Inadmissible	<i>His statement was inadmissible in court. Not admissible or allowable.</i>
Incubate	<i>The bird sat on her eggs in the nest to incubate them. (of birds) to supply (eggs) with heat for their development, esp by sitting on them.</i>
Indigenous	<i>The most indigenous inhabitants were the American Indians. Originating or occurring naturally (in a country, region, etc); native. Innate (to); inherent (in).</i>
Juxtapose	<i>In some cities the juxtapose of extreme wealth and poverty is startling. To place close together or side by side.</i>
Latitude	<i>The horizontal lines on a map represent latitude. An angular distance in degrees north or south of the equator, equal to the angle subtended at the centre of the globe by the meridian between the equator and the point in question.</i>
Longevity	<i>The centenarian put her longevity down to going for a walk by the sea every day. Long life. Relatively long duration of employment, service, etc.</i>
Malapropism	<i>The comedian used a lot of malapropism in his act. "1. The unintentional misuse of a word by confusion with one of similar sound, esp when creating a ridiculous effect, as in "I am not under the affluence of alcohol." 2. The habit of misusing words in this manner."</i>
Neanderthal	<i>His ape like behaviour, led to people saying he was like a neanderthal man. Relating to or characteristic of Neanderthal man. Primitive; uncivilized.</i>
Onomasiology	<i>The linguist preferred the approach of onomasiology. "Another name for onomastics (1); The branch of semantics concerned with the meanings and meaning relations between individual words. The branch of semantics concerned with the meanings of and meaning relations between individual words."</i>
Panettone	<i>The smell of the freshly baked panettone filled the air. A kind of Italian spiced brioche containing sultanas: traditionally eaten at Christmas in Italy.</i>
Parsimony	<i>Her parsimony would annoy her friends whenever they went on holidays together. Extreme care or reluctance in spending; frugality; niggardliness.</i>
Phenomenon	<i>The huge thunderstorm was a weather phenomenon they had never witnessed before. Anything that can be perceived as an occurrence or fact by the senses.</i>





Polythene	The polythene holds it together in the box, in case it splits. Any of various light thermoplastic materials made from ethylene with properties depending on the molecular weight of the polymer. The common forms are a waxy flexible plastic and a tougher rigid more crystalline form.
Quadrilingual	Dermot is quadrilingual, meaning he is fluent in four different languages. Written, printed, etc, in four different languages. Able to speak four different languages.
Racahout	In Turkey acorns are buried for some time in the earth, then dried and toasted and then they become racahout and are added to dishes. In cookery, a substance similar to chocolate prepared as either a food or drink and made from acorns and cocoa.
Rhythm	To be a good dancer, you must have good rhythm. The arrangement of the relative durations of and accents on the notes of a melody, usually laid out into regular groups (bars) of beats, the first beat of each bar carrying the stress.
Subpoena	The guards issued the man with a subpoena. Noun. A writ issued by a court of justice requiring the person to appear before the court at a specified time.
Subterranean	The children in the tunnels had a subterranean existence. Situated, living, or operating below the surface of the earth.
Vindicate	The new evidence seems to vindicate the accused. To clear from guilt, accusation, blame, etc, as by evidence or argument. To provide justification for

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Ascetic	The monk followed an ascetic lifestyle. A person who practises great self-denial and austerities and abstains from worldly comforts and pleasures, esp for religious reasons.
Carapace	The turtle had a beautiful carapace. The thick hard shield, made of chitin or bone, that covers part of the body of crabs, lobsters, tortoises, etc.
Centrifuge	The lab technician explained that whole blood is put in a centrifuge to separate the red blood cells from the white blood cells. Any of various rotating machines that separate liquids from solids or dispersions of one liquid in another, by the action of centrifugal forces.
Chromosome	The chromosome contained a number of genes. Noun: any of the microscopic rod-shaped structures that appear in a cell nucleus during cell division, consisting of nucleoprotein arranged into units (genes) that are responsible for the transmission of hereditary characteristics.
Equiponderate	She had a tendency to equiponderate two courses of action. "To equal or balance in weight, power, force, etc; offset; counterbalance"
Escutcheon	The family coat of arms was displayed on an escutcheon. Def: A shield, esp a heraldic one that displays a coat of arms.
Exacerbate	Lack of sleep served to exacerbate the boy's bad mood. To make (pain, disease, emotion, etc) more intense; aggravate; to exasperate or irritate (a person).
Inegalitarian	There is a need to detect the hidden inegalitarian effects of certain measures. A person who holds that people are not equal; opposed to equality; characterized by inequality.
Psaligraphy	The woman enjoyed psaligraphy as her pastime. The art of cutting out silhouettes